



# News Release

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## CROP PRICES RECEIVED UP AND LIVESTOCK PRICES DOWN

**SIOUX FALLS, December 28, 2007** -- Preliminary December prices were up from November for corn, soybeans, sunflower, winter wheat, spring wheat, and other hay, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for sows, steers and heifers, and calves were down, while barrows and gilts and cows were up.

For December, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$8.95, was up \$2.11 from last month and up \$4.55 from last December. The spring wheat price, at \$9.30, was \$2.18 higher than last month and \$4.68 higher than last year. The December soybean price, at \$9.70, was 97 cents higher than last month and \$3.72 higher than last year. The corn price, at \$3.80, was up 54 cents from last month and up 99 cents from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$20.50, was up \$2.70 from last month and up \$6.90 from last year.

The preliminary December barrow and gilt price, at \$40.10, was up \$1.80 from last month but down \$5.60 from last year, while sows, at \$21.60, were down \$4.00 from November and down \$9.00 from December 2006.

The preliminary December steer and heifer price, at \$102.00, was down \$7.00 from November but up \$6.10 from December of last year. Calves, at \$118.00, were down \$7.00 from last month but up \$1.00 from December 2006.

The December alfalfa price, at \$102.00 per ton, was down \$2.00 from last month but up \$18.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$84.00, was up \$1.00 from last month and up \$17.00 from December 2006.

### Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	December 2006 <sup>1</sup>	November 2007 <sup>1</sup>	December 2007 <sup>2</sup>
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	2.81	3.26	3.80
Soybeans	Bu.	5.98	8.73	9.70
Sunflower	Cwt.	13.60	17.80	20.50
Wheat, All	Bu.	4.48	6.98	9.15
Winter	Bu.	4.40	6.84	8.95
Other Spring	Bu.	4.62	7.12	9.30
Barley, All	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	2.36	2.86	2.72
Hay, All	Ton	80.00	100.00	99.00
Alfalfa	Ton	84.00	104.00	102.00
Other	Ton	67.00	83.00	84.00
Cattle, All Beef <sup>3</sup>	Cwt.	82.20	97.00	86.60
Cows	Cwt.	43.10	42.60	42.70
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	95.90	109.00	102.00
Calves <sup>4</sup>	Cwt.	117.00	125.00	118.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	44.00	36.60	38.10
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	45.70	38.30	40.10
Sows	Cwt.	30.60	25.60	21.60
Lambs	Cwt.	108.00	106.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	32.90	21.80	NA

<sup>1</sup> Entire month. <sup>2</sup> Mid-month. <sup>3</sup> Over 500 lbs. <sup>4</sup> Under 500 lbs. NA = Not Available

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